

GORGONIA CERATOPHYTA.

CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Animal crescens plantæ facie.

Hydræ sparsæ e poris lateralibus.

Stirps radicata, cornea, continua, ramosa, basi explanata, cortice obducta.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

GORGONIA subdichotoma purpurea, ramis virgatis, poris bifariis.

GORGONIA subdichotoma, axillis divaricatis, ramis virgatis bisulcatis, cortice rubro, poris bifariis.

Linn. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 3800.

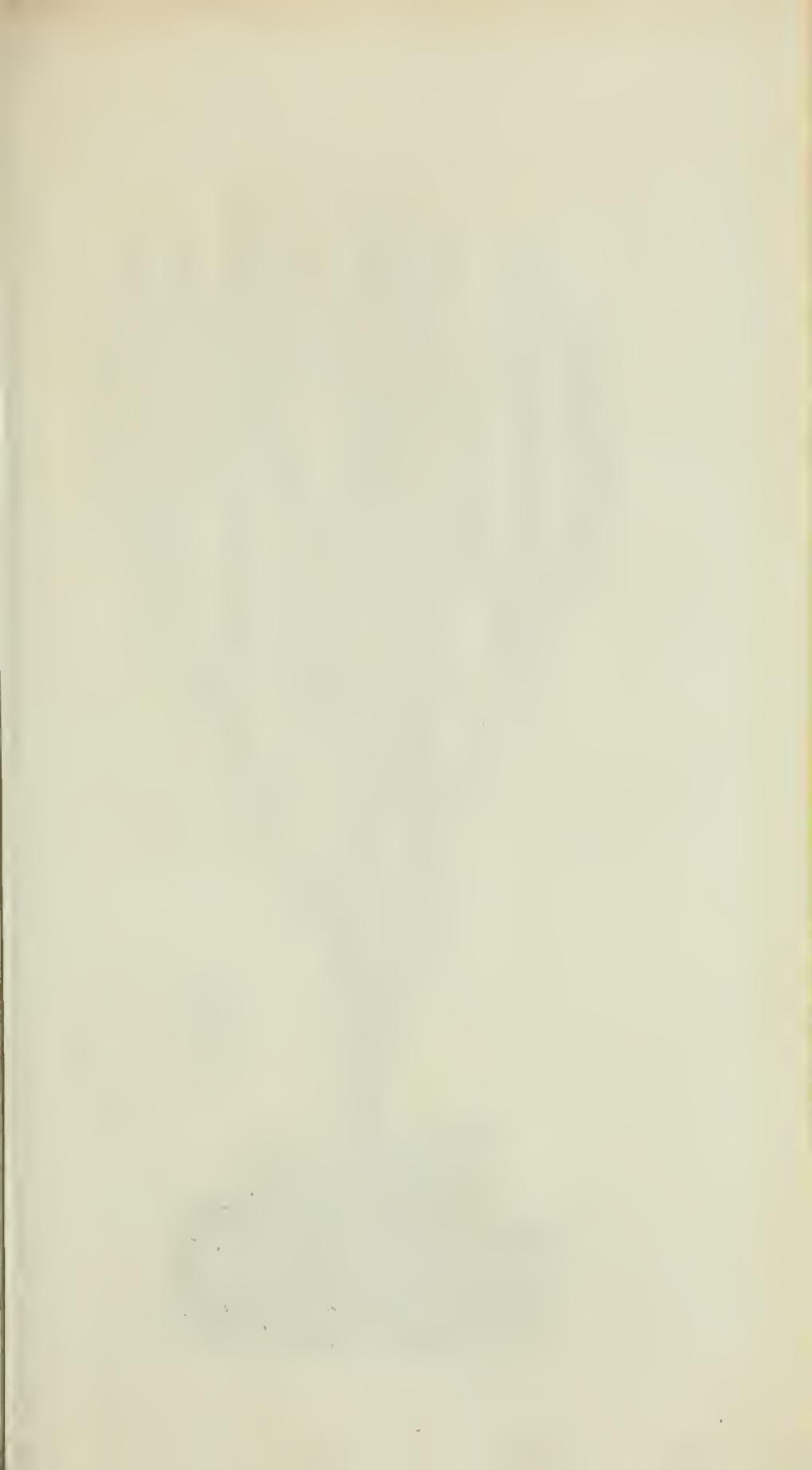
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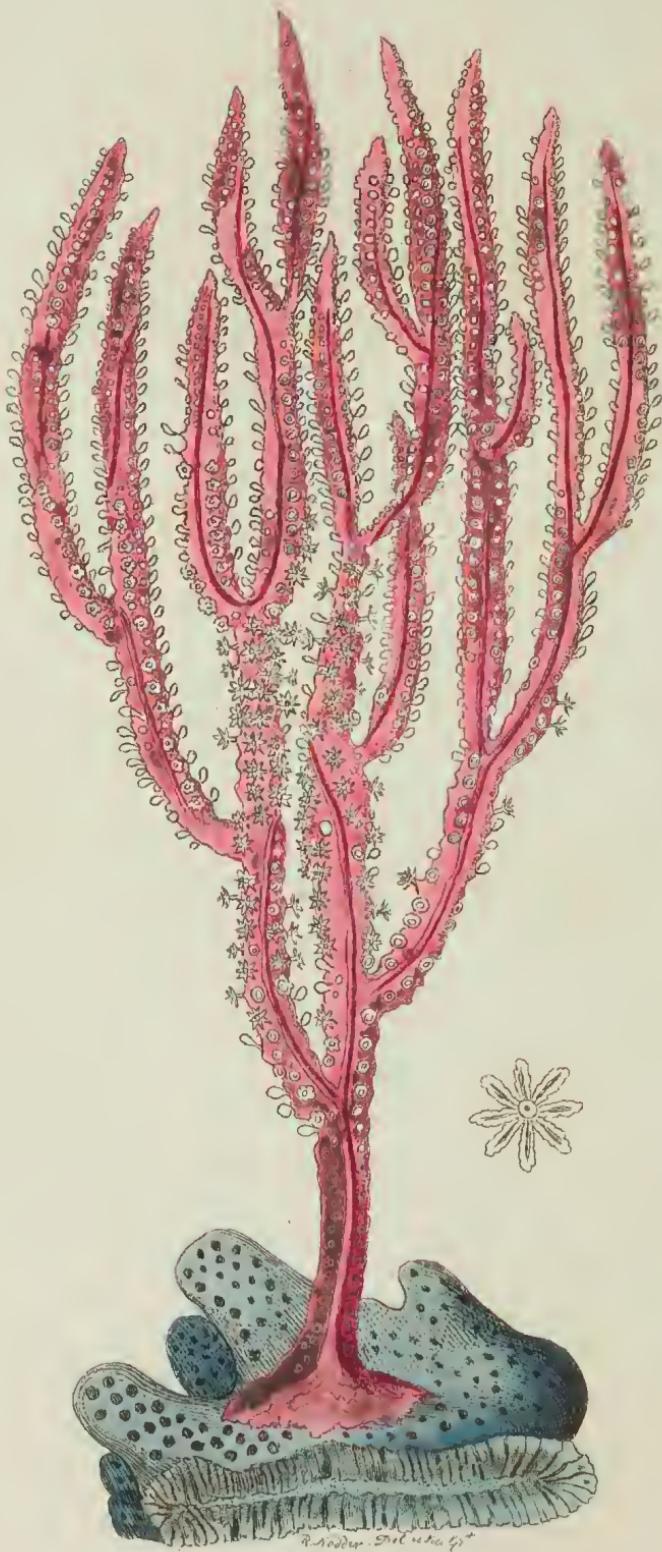
Soland. et Ellis Zooph. p. 81. t. 12.

Corallina fruticosa purpurea.

C. Bauh. pin. 366.

Circa oras Americanas præcipue conspicitur formosum hoc Coraliū, altitudine, ut plurimum, pedali vel sesquispedali.





PURPLE GORGONIA.

GENERIC CHARACTER.

Animal growing with the habit of a plant.

Polypes scattered from the lateral pores.

Stem fixed, horny branched, covered with a soft bark.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Subdichotomous purple GORGONIA, with twiggy branches, and double rows of white polypes.

Purple shrubby GORGONIA.

This beautiful coral is principally seen about the American coasts : its general height is about a foot or eighteen inches.